



OCCOLD PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Stephen Hubner

Clerk: Tina Newby

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 In The Village Hall, Occold

Councillors Present: Stephen Hubner (SH) (Chairman), Andrew Duggett (AD) (Vice Chairman), Kevin Chittock (KC), Janet Erhorn (JE), Angela Hall (AHa) and Tim Weller (TW)

Others in attendance: Tina Newby, District Councillor Elkin and County Councillor Stringer (arrived late).

1 Apologies for absence:

a Councillors to receive any apologies for absence. Apologies received from Andrew Howarth and Roy St Pier.

b Councillors to vote on acceptance to apologies for absence. Accepted.

2 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation considerations:

a To receive any Councillors' Interests in subsequent agenda items. None

b To receive and consider any requests for dispensations. None

3 Minutes of previous meetings: Councillors to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 2nd March 2026. **Unanimously agreed.**

4 Public Forum:

a To receive a report from the County Councillor. *This item will be discussed when County Councillor Stringer arrives.* County Councillor Stringer arrived at 8.30pm, and reported from his monthly report, which will be uploaded to the website. www.occold-pc.gov.uk

The Suffolk boundaries are now all the same size. Western Suffolk, Central and Eastern Suffolk, Ipswich and Southern Suffolk.

This would be his last meeting with the Parish Council, which he has supported since 2009. The Parish Council thanked him for all that he has done for the village.

b To receive a report from the District Councillor. Report is uploaded to the website www.occold-pc.gov.uk

c To receive comments or questions on matters of interest from members of the public. No public present.

5 Planning: Councillors to consider and note the following items relating to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) relating to Occold: -

a **Applications:** None

b **Determinations:**

DC/26/00926 Discharge of conditions | Church Farm, Church Lane | Approved conditions.



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DC/26/00352 Replacement of porch | 13 Old Rectory Rd | approved
DC/26/00443 Discharge of conditions | Benningham Grange Barn,
Benningham Green | Approved conditions

6 Finance:

- a Update savings account. Set up and £5,000 transferred.
- b Councillors to approve the finance report for the period ended 31st March 2026 including:
 - i Bank reconciliations. Noted and approved.
 - ii Budget to actual payments and receipts. Noted
 - iii Reserves. Satisfactory.
- c Councillors to note receipts since the last meeting. None
- d Councillors to approve payments as per schedule. Two additional payments received and approved. Scott Regan for £30.00 and SALC subscription £275.93.
- e Update on Dishwasher for Village Hall. The Dishwasher is now likely to be in the region of £1,300.00
- f To review and agree the CIL return for 2025-2026. CIL return approved.

(SH) reported that the finances were under budget at the beginning, the Parish Council didn't allocate to charities as no charities applied. Following payments were unpaid at 31/3/26

E041	11/02/2026	Poppy wreath	Donation	50.00
E050	31/03/2026	Clerks Wages	March	350.10
E051	31/03/2026	Suffolk CC	Street lighting	499.35
E052	31/03/2026	Clerk	Mileage expenses	50.40
				949.85

7 NCIPS:

- a **EcoPower Suffolk:** Update. The Pre-Statutory Scoping report has included some of the Parish Council's concerns, but not all. Parish Council to respond to the Environment Impact assessment when the examination starts. (RSP) asked about the specific topics covered by socio-economics, and raised concerns that the impact of the project on local tourism would not be included. Concerns over the components being used.
- b **Essex and Suffolk Water:** Update. No update.

8 **Website:** The action now is to move all the necessary data across from the old to the new. **Action Clerk and (AD)** to meet and discuss this.

9 **To receive updates and reports from officers and take appropriate action:**



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- a **Neighbourhood Plan:** The Call for Site now has received an outcome. The Parish Council can now resume working on the Neighbourhood Plan. District Council has confirmed there will be additional funding.
- b **Flooding:** S19 Flooding in Occold report has been received. The Flooding committee will meet to discuss this. Ed from River Waveney Trust to meet with the group.
- c **Defibrillator:** The children's pads will expire. (TW) to renew these.
- d **Speed through village:** Recorded 50mph speed through the village during the day.
Community Speed Watch: There has been confirmation that the volunteers will not be able to stand on the verges for safety reasons.
- e **Footpaths:** No updates.
- f **Community Support Group:** (Aha) went into Eye, there is a huge amount of help there. **Action (Aha)** to create a physical folder of all the help and leaflets. Place in the book cash outside the Village Hall.

10 Correspondence: None

11 Any other matters for information to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda: None.

12 Next scheduled meeting: Councillors to note the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 11th May 2026, APM 7:30pm and then Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 8:00pm

13 Chairman to close the meeting. Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18pm